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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-41. (Canceled).

42. (New) A method of cleaning a medical cart or cage comprising:
dissolving a solid neutral or neutralizing rinse composition in water;
contacting the medical cart or cage with the dissolved neutral or neutralizing rinse
composition at a temperature at or above ambient temperature.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the solid neutral or neutralizing rinse
composition comprises a solid neutral rinse composition comprising:
about 5 to about 40 wt-% urea;
about 60 to about 90 wt-% of one or more EO-PO block copolymer surfactants; and
water to provide a water:urea weight ratio of about 1:3 to about 1:6;
and the dissolved neutral or neutralizing rinse composition comprises a dissolved neutral rinse
composition.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the solid rinse composition comprises about 5 to
about 15 % by weight urea.

45. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the solid rinse composition comprises about
80 to about 90 % by weight surfactant.

46. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the surfactant comprises a
polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene glycol polymer.

47. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the solid neutral or neutralizing rinse
composition comprises a solid neutralizing rinse composition,

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the solid rinse composition comprising:

about 1 to 25 wt-% of a nonionic block copolymer composition, having the formula: $(EO)_x(PO)_y(EO)_z$

with a molecular weight between 10,000 and 15,000,

wherein x is 30 to 130,

y is 30 to 70,

z is 30 to 130, and

$x+y \geq 60$,

having a cloud point, measured with a 1 wt-% aqueous solution, of greater than 100 °C;

about 1 to 25 wt-% of a defoamer composition; and

about 3 to 80 wt-% of a water soluble casting agent diluent;

and the dissolved neutral or neutralizing rinse composition comprises a dissolved neutralizing rinse composition.

48. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein the casting agent comprises a polyalkylene glycol.

49. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein the casting agent comprises a carbonate.

50. (New) The composition of claim 47, wherein the defoamer comprises a silicone defoamer.

51. (New) A method of cleaning a medical device or instrument;

the medical device or instrument comprising tray, pan, holder, rack, forcep, scissor, shear, saw, hemostat, knife, chisel, rongeur, file, nipper, drill, drill bit, rasp, burr, spreader, breaker, elevator, clamp, needle holder, carriers, clip, hook, gouge, curette, retractor, straightener, punch, extractor, scoop, keratome, spatula, expressor, trocar, dilator, cage, glassware, tubing catheter, cannula, plug, stent, endoscope, endotracheal tube, anesthesia breathing circuit, cytoscope, arthroscope, or combination of thereof;

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the method comprising:

dissolving a solid neutral or neutralizing rinse composition in water,
contacting the medical cart or cage with the dissolved neutral or neutralizing rinse
composition at a temperature at or above ambient temperature.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the solid neutral or neutralizing rinse
composition comprises a solid neutral rinse composition comprising:

about 5 to about 40 wt-% urea;

about 60 to about 90 wt-% of one or more EO-PO block copolymer surfactants; and

water to provide a water:urea weight ratio of about 1:3 to about 1:6;

and the dissolved neutral or neutralizing rinse composition comprises a dissolved neutral rinse
composition.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the solid rinse composition comprises about 5 to
about 15 % by weight urea.

54. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the solid rinse composition comprises about
80 to about 90 % by weight surfactant.

55. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the surfactant comprises a
polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene glycol polymer.

56. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the solid neutral or neutralizing rinse
composition comprises a solid neutralizing rinse composition,

the solid rinse composition comprising:

about 1 to 25 wt-% of a nonionic block copolymer composition, having the
formula: $(EO)_x (PO)_y (EO)_z$

with a molecular weight between 10,000 and 15,000,

wherein x is 30 to 130,

y is 30 to 70,

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z is 30 to 130, and

$x+y \geq 60$,

having a cloud point, measured with a 1 wt-% aqueous solution, of greater than 100 °C;

about 1 to 25 wt-% of a defoamer composition; and

about 3 to 80 wt-% of a water soluble casting agent diluent;

and the dissolved neutral or neutralizing rinse composition comprises a dissolved neutralizing rinse composition.

57. (New) The composition of claim 56, wherein the casting agent comprises a polyalkylene glycol.

58. (New) The composition of claim 56, wherein the casting agent comprises a carbonate.

59. (New) The composition of claim 56, wherein the defoamer comprises a silicone defoamer.